

COUNTRY Germany (Soviet 40)

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TOPIC: Dessau Airfield

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EVALUATION see below

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DATE OF CONTENT 30 September to 10 October 1951

25X11 [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 24 October 1951

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REFERENCES

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1. On 30 September 1951, an air force convoy of about 40 motor vehicles loaded with troops and billeting equipment passed through Dessau-Rosslau toward Zerbst. [redacted]
2. Between 11 a.m. and noon on 5 October, a formation of 55 to 70 single-engine aircraft, 15 to 20 twin-engine planes, including some transports, and 9 bi-planes flew over Rosslau. The aircraft had extended landing gears and approached for landing.
3. At 1 p.m. on 4 October 1951, the airfield was unoccupied. At 11 a.m. on 5 October, radio truck [redacted] with two whip antennas was parked at the runway. A man with earphones was seen in the radio truck and a high ranking officer with a map and eight additional officers stood in front of it. No aircraft were observed at the field. At 12:30 p.m., several formations with an estimated total of 250 to 300 aircraft were observed over Aken coming from the north to northwest and heading toward Dessau. Ground attack aircraft, including some with extended landing gears, flew in flights and squadrons at a low altitude, while above them, at a height of about 300 meters, twin-engine planes with double rudder assemblies flew. Jet fighters were observed at a very high altitude. Source observed that a ground attack unit had arrived at the field. Seventeen gray-green ground attack aircraft of IL-10 type. [redacted]

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- One of the two biplanes parked at the west end of the runway took off at 5 p.m. At 6:30 a.m. on 6 October, the 41 ground attack aircraft were parked in the same order as on the preceding day.

4. Source observed at 11:15 a.m. on 10 October that the detraining of troops which has been conducted at the Dessau main railroad station for several days, was completed. A total of 16 trucks, [redacted]

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\_\_\_\_\_ were observed. The pertaining personnel wore black-bordered blue epaulets. \*\*

25X1A\*  Comment. The air force convoy observed was apparently not connected with the airfield. It possibly carried elements of a ground unit who were being transferred to Zerbst airfield.

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Comment. The aircraft [redacted] indicate that the ground attack aircraft observed at the field belong to the ground attack regiment which was previously located in Staakon. The transfer of the ground organization of the regiment in Staakon began on 1 October, and the air unit left on 5 October. [redacted]

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